

November 30, 2023
Amendment: September 27, 2024

To: Heads of bureaus and departments in charge of hygiene at all prefectures, cities with health centers, and special wards

From: Director of Food Safety Standards and Evaluation Division,
Public Health Bureau, Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
(Official seal omitted)

The case where requirements are particularly specified in the
“Requirements” column in Table 2 of Appended Table1 of Specifications and
Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc.

The case where requirements are particularly specified in the “Requirements” column in Table 2 of Appended Table1, as stated to be referenced in III-1-D(7) of the notice “Partial Amendment of Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc.” (Notice of the Director-General of the Public Health Bureau, MHLW, November 30, 2023; amendment: Notice of the Vice-Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency, September 27, 2024), and other matters are as follows. You are asked to thoroughly inform your relevant parties of these matters, and make sure that this notice is properly implemented.

Details

I. Notes for substances listed in the “Substance Name” column in Table 2 of Appended Table 1

1. Items given in the “Requirements” column mean those to be referenced regarding each substance listed in the “Substance Name” column corresponding to the “Requirements” column concerned.
2. Items given in the “Requirements” column mean those regarding each substance concerned, including items such as the molecular weight and limit of carbon number, as well as items given in the case where requirements are particularly specified.
3. The case where requirements are particularly specified means a case where there are descriptions in the “Requirements” column regarding the use of each substance concerned, including items such as the use

temperature, target food, thickness of material, presence or absence of direct contact with food, and sum of the amount used.

4. In the case where requirements are particularly specified, notwithstanding each use level given in the “Use Limit by Polymer Group” column in Table 2 of Appended Table 1, the limit must be according to the items given in the “Requirements” column.

II. Notes on operation

1. Alcoholic beverages; acidic foods; fats/oils and fatty/oily foods; and foods containing fats/oils and fatty/oily foods given in Table 2 of Attached Table 1 are as follows.
 - a. “Alcoholic beverages” refers to any drink that contains 1% vol or more.
 - b. “Acidic foods” refers to any food in or on which the pH is 4.6 or less.
 - c. “Fats/oils and fatty/oily foods” refers to any food in or on which the fat or oil content is 20% or more.
 - d. “Foods containing fats/oils and fatty/oily foods” refers to any food that contains fats/oils and fatty/oily foods and any food that contains one or more of fats/oils and fatty/oily foods.
2. The expression “not solid” means that the substance has fluidity as its property. Judgment as to whether the substance has fluidity, should be based on whether the visible change in form can be confirmed after standing for several to 24 hours.

III. Effective Date

This notice will become effective on June 1, 2025, because the effective date of Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. (Public Notice of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare No. 370 of 1959) amended based on Matters on Partially Amending the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. (Public Notice of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare No. 324 of 2023) is June 1, 2025.